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Next Session of the Association will convene with the Meltonsville Baptist Church, Route 3, Peachland, N. C, beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1926, at 11 a. m. Rev. P. M. Mayfield to preach the introductory sermon. Bro. C. H. Waddell, alternate.

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On needs of the field—G W Crowder, E L Leak, L C Phillips

On moderator's address—Revs J F Davis, J C Covington, W M Redfearn, brothers G S Bennett, L H Diggs

On missions—Revs W H Horne, J H Moore, I S A Hilliard, brothers E D Medley, O L Tanner, Henry Gainey

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E H Martin, wadesboro '
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B J Parsons, Rt. A, wadesboro '
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N L Crump, Norwood '
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James Diggs, Rt. 1, Lilesville '
J R Faison, wadesboro '
L V Gaddy, Rt. 1, Polkton '
E H Horne, Rt. 6, Marshville '
w H Horne, Rt. 1, Morven '
w H Little, Pee Dee, '
R L Michael, Rt. 3, Peachland '
w C McRae, Pee Dee, '
P P Pegues, McFarlan '
J T Ratliff, Rt. A, wadesboro '
B B Sturdivant, Polkton '
w H Staton, Polkton '
H D Tillman, Rt. 1, wadesboro '
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T W Brooks, route 1, Mashville '
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Louis Lilly, Shankle '
D J McIntosh, Maxton '
Cyrus Ratliff, route 1, McFarlan '
W M Redfearn, route 6, Marshville '
H L Little, Polkton '
S S Sturdivant ' '
S D Wall, route 1, Morven '
C H Waddell, route 2, ' '
Willie Diggs, Lilesville '
J H Spencer, route 2, Cheraw, S.C.
W B Bennett, route 1. McFarlan '
G W Byrd, Raleigh '
M C Conrad, route 1, ' '
Green Crowder, ' 1, Polkton, '
F C Chavis, McFarlan '
S S Bennett, Wadesboro '
R C Allen, route 1, Marshville '
E J Gaddy, Wadesboro '
N H Huntley, Pee Dee '
Thomas Huntley, Rock Hill, S C
C W Long, Lilesville '
H Medlin, Peachland '
J H Martin. Wadesboro '
S G Ratliff, Eastern, Penn
N H Redfearn, r'te 1, Marshville '
J Smith, Laurinburg '
W T Thomas, Monroe '
H B Sturdivant, r'te 1, Morven '
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M R Burch, r'te 3, Peachland '
Fairley winfield, Peachland '
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Bethel--G A Richardson, route 2 ..... Norwood, N C
Brown Creek--C R Smith, route 1 ..... Polkton "
Cedar Creek--J F Ratliff, route 2 ..... Morven "
Chambers' Grove—S Olie Huntley, route 3 ..... Marshville "
Chilson Grove—Mrs Sallie Diggs ..... Lilesville "
Cool Springs—Miss Bessie Smith, route 1 ..... Morven "
Deep Creek--J P Huntley, route 3 ..... Peachland "
Ebenezer--G W Crowder, box 123 ..... Wadesboro "
Elizabeth m--J Q Robinson, 321 church avenue ..... Monroe, "
Elizabeth P D--Mrs E A Pratt, route 1 ..... Pee Dee "
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Green Hill—H P Phillips, route A ..... Wadesboro "
Long Pine—S A Covington, route 1, box 68 ..... Ruby S C "
Madison Grove--A L Leak, route A, box 52, Wadesboro "
Meltonsville--S O Chambers, route 3 box 81, Marshville "
McLain Grove--David Ratliff, route 1 ..... McFarlan "
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Mt. Moriah--J D Rivers, route 1 ..... Marshville "
New Zion--H Medlin ..... Peachland "
New Grove--Pleas Sturdivant, route 1, box 5, Peachland "
Nicy Grove--C L Staton ..... Wingate "
Olive Branch--J D Parker, route 1 ..... Peachland "
Pleasant Hill--John Cason, route 1 ..... Morven "
Poplar Hill--James Tillman, route 1 ..... Polkton "
Parsons Grove--A D Byrd ..... Lilesville "
Poplar Spring--W E Davis, route 2 ..... Polkton "
Ramah Grove--W M Little, route 1 ..... Morven "
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Rockford W--W M Dean, route 1 ..... Polkton "
Rock Spring--R A Hanner ..... Ruby, S C "
Red Level--Sherman McLendon, route 1 ..... Monroe "
Sandy Ridge--M P Waring, route 2 ..... Morven "
Saron--R B McCoy ..... Polkton "
Shankle Grove A D Davis ..... Norwood "
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Timmonsville--R T Burch, route 1 ..... Ruby, S C "
White Oak--L H Diggs, route 1 ..... Morven "

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel—W A Richardson
Brown Creek—R H Sturdivant, Walter Staton
Cedar Creek—Henry Gainey, A H Huntley
Chambers Grove—Rev S S Thomas, T C Chambers, Elison Ashcraft
Chilson Grove—W H Horne, H D Diggs
Cool Spring—E H Richardson, Massy Smith
Deep Creek—J L Horne, G S Bennett, J P Huntley
Ebenezer—G W Crowder, E L Leak
Elizabeth M—W T Gatewood, W M Nivens
Elizabeth P D—Geo W Diggs, H C Robinson
Flat Rock—S H Waddell, Arthur Rorie
Fletcher's Grove—Earnest David, William Spears
Flint Ridge—O L Tanner, Hearlie Marsh
Flint Ridge W—Rev W H Staton, Thomas Clyburn
Friendship—B A Watts, H Livingston
Gallilee—P A Davis
Green Hill—B J Sturdivant, G M Myers, H P Phillips
Long Pine—H F Davidson, W A Kersey
Madison Grove—J C Cason, G W Baucum, Wm Robinson
Meltonsville—
McLain Grove—J H Spencer, David Ratliff
Mt. Zion—Frank Sturdivant, S M Hubbard, T W Lowry
Mt. Moriah—C B Baker, Walter Waldon
New Zion—C C Horne, H Medlin
New Grove—M J Jackson, Pleas Sturdivant, W M McLendon
Nicy Grove—E D Bivens, E w Crowder, J C McCullars.
Olive Branch—W F Hubbard, Thomas S Parker
Pleasant Hill—John Cason
Poplar Hill . G W Tillman, J T Meadows
Parsons Grove . . G R West, S H Parsons
Poplar Spring G C Davis, W E Davis
Ramah Grove . W C Melton, F C Chavis
Rockford E . . S M Marshall, Sandy Clinton
Rockford w . W M Dean, Fred Watkins, Clinton Bossel
Rock Spring—Thomas Little, Dock Streater
Red Level—B C McLendon, Ed Jones
Sandy Ridge—D L McCoy, M P Warring
Saron—George Bardner, L V Medlin

Shankle Grove—J C Carpenter, Rev T C Dunlap
St. Paul—Frank Hailey, Rev P M Mayfield
Timmonsville—J R Ratliff
White Oak—A L Diggs, L H Diggs

PROCEEDINGS

Saron Baptist Church, Route 2, Polkton, N. C.
Wednesday, October 14, 1925

Pursuant to adjournment of the previous session held with the St. Paul Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., the Zion missionary Baptist Association met in its 53rd annual session with the above named church of this place today—Rev J E P Little, the moderator presiding. Promptly at 11:30 a.m., the gavel was sounded and Rev J C Ellerbee was asked to conduct the praise service, which consists as follows: Hymn No. 492, "Amazing grace how sweet it sounds," etc. Prayer by brother W A Kersey. "What a friend we have in Jesus," etc., was sung. Revs J F Davis and B J Ivey, entered the rostrum to preach the introductory sermon. Rev Ivey lined hymn No. 533. "If human kindhess meets return," etc.

Rev Davis read the Scriptures from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, 2nd chap. Prayer by brother Frank Hailey. 2nd hymn No. 393, "A throne of grace then let us go," etc. After being introduced by the moderator, Rev Davis arose and announced as a text Phil. 2:9-11. "Wherefore God also hath highly exhaulted him, and given him a name which is above every name," etc. The theme throughout this sermon was, let God have his rightful place in our lives. This was indeed a great sermon, full of food for thought and wholesome doctrine. "I am going through" was spiritually sung, led by Rev B J Ivey. Prayer by Rev B F McManus. Bro G R West lifted a collection. Am't $18.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, with the moderator in the chair. The praise services were conducted by Rev W H Little as follows: "Awake my soul stretch every nerve," etc. Prayer by brother C H Waddell. 2nd hymn, "I love to steal away awhile," etc. Prayer by Rev R L Micheal. The moderator made some preliminary remarks and announced the Association open and in order for such business as may lawfully be presented.

Roll called of officers. All answered present.

Ministerial Roll called and corrected.

Roll called of churches and the names of the delegates enrolled. On motion we have the letters read. Motion lost. At this point we listened with rapted attention to the local program rendered by the church, consisting of welcome addresses as follows: On behalf of the town of Polkton and community, his honor, the mayor, Mr W C McCall, who is also principal of the high school at Polkton. Among some of the things he said, he assured us that we were among white people who wish the colored man well, that they would protect him in his laudable undertakings. He admonished us to follow our leaders, such as Rev Little, the moderator, Rev Winford and others of our good men, and keep out of crimes. That God can best use those who trust and obey him. This was a strong address, and was enjoyed by the large delegation.

Mrs Chalmer Spencer brought greetings from the Spring Hill A M E Zion church, assuring us that our coming had been looked forward for with anxious hearts and ready hands, and that they too bid us welcome. The pastor, Rev Winford, speaking for his people, told us not to be alarmed, all things were ready. That he had at least 536 of Zion Baptist members at his back, besides all the white Baptists of Polkton, the white and colored Methodists, in fact this whole community.

After listening to these splendid addresses we felt that we could safely lie down to pleasant dreams; at least we could go about our work unmolested in mind

as to what will become of us, but we could not refrain from the usual custom, so Dr J H Moore was called on to make the response on behalf of the Association, which he did with credit to himself and pleasure to the delegates. Prof C C Horne also made remarks of response to the welcome addresses.

Bro G W Baucum, the corresponding secretary, made his annual report. See report.

The report brought about some discussion, in which the sixteen hundred dollars donated as an endowment to the colored department of the Anson Sanatorium was envolved. Much light was thrown on the matter.

Report adopted.

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Revs C H Williams of the Lumber River Association, J D Simmons of Berea Association and W L Sloan of the Rowan Association, all came forward and was made welcome. All made remarks. On motion, adjourned; benediction by Rev Jas Horne.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled with the moderator presiding. Rev W M Allen, accompanied by Rev J T Williams, ascended the rostrum to preach a sermon.

Rev Williams introduced the services by reading and singing hymn No. 559, "Go preach my gospel saith the Lord," etc. Rev H I Quick read the Scriptures from Isa. 1:1-21. Prayer by Dr P M Mayfield. Second hymn "Oh for a faith that will not shrink," etc. The moderator introduced Rev W M Allen as the speaker of the hour, who arose and announced as a text, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; come now and let us reason together saith the Lord.',—Isa. 1:16-18. While this minister of God spoke to us out of the fullness of of his heart the eternal truths of God, the Holy Spirit came and witnessed with our spirit that we were children of God. Prayer by Rev W H Horne. Collection $9.30

Rev W L Heard of Rock Hill, S. C., was introduced and he spoke in the interest of Friendship College of Rock Hill, and solicited a contribution. A collection of $10.25 was taken up and turned over to Rev Heard, for the institution.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev James Horne.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the moderator. Praise services were conducted by brother J R Alsobrooks, as follows : Hymn, "On Christ the solid rock I stand," etc. Prayer by brother H Medlin. Scripture reading Matt. 5. Prayer by brother J C Cason. "Bless be the tie that binds," etc., was sung; after which the moderator announced the house open and in order for business.

On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night be read. On motion the same was approved.

A letter from Rev R S Tanner, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Association on account of sickness in his family, and imploring the prayers of the brethren was read.

Also a letter from Dr A A Graham, Cor. Sec'y of the Lot Cary Convention, authorizing Dr J H Moore to represent the above named Convention throughout the State of North Carolina was read. On motion we accept Dr Moore as our representative of the foreign mission work. The subject of missions (a) of the early church, was very ably discussed by Rev B J Ivey. He read his speech from a manuscript by which he brought out many interesting facts.

State mission work was discussed by Dr J H Moore in very enthusiastic and interesting manner. We were very much lifted up by this address. We saw our duty to missions in a much more clearer light, and we resolved to line up with both, the State and Lot Cary Convention.

At this point the moderator delivered his annual address. Rev J W Diggs, Vice-Moderator, presiding, introduced Rev Little, who delivered one of the most far-reaching, logical and unique addresses that it has been our good pleasure to listen to. See address in the Appendix.

On motion the address was refered to a committee on moderator's address.

Bro Thos E Huntley, one of the young ministers of Zion who is attending school at Friendship College, was presented to preach the missionary sermon.

Rev J C Covington lined and sung hymn, "In all my Lord's appointed way," etc.

Bro Huntley announced as a text Matt. 28:18-20.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," etc.

The speaker demonstrated that there were three things the ministers were to do in carrying out this commission, namely : Go, preach and baptize, with the assurance that God would be with him.

This was a strong sermon, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Collection for missions $56.37.

Benediction by Rev W H Diggs.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator. Rev J C Covington was asked to conduct the devotional services which he did as follows:

A spiritual was sung, after which Rev L V Gaddy led in prayer. Another song, and Rev R L Micheal led in prayer.

The house was announced ready for business.

The Ordaining Board submitted its report, part of which contained the report relative to the Rock Spring church. The Board recommended that the matter be referred back to the Board of St. Paul Association for adjudication. This part of the report did not prove satisfactory to a majority of the brethren, therefore the motion to adopt the report was lost.

On motion the application of Rock Spring church of Ruby, S. C., be received and be referred to a committee on new bodies. Motion prevailed.

The committee on officers reported. Report adopted. See roll of officers.

On motion the subject on the program for this afternoon be deferred till to-night, and this period be given over to the mission sisters.

Mrs Annie C Robinson, the president, was called to the chair to preside.

The following program was rendered by the sisters:

Mrs C C Boulware spoke on the subject, "What the W H & F M Circle has done for me."

Mrs Alice Hilliard read a strong paper on the subject, "A closer application between the Sister's Union and the brethren of Zion Association. Mrs Lizzie Ellis spoke very influently on the subject, "Rememberance." Mrs. Cora B Horne in her modest, but in a masterly way, plead to the brethren for co-operation, The moderator presented Mrs A C Robinson, who came forward in her usual unassuming way, which is so characteristic of her, read a great paper on the subject of building. At the close of this program she presented the Association with $17,00.

Dr O S Bullock, of Raleigh, N. C., was introduced, who came forward and spoke very touchingly concerning the State work, and asked the brethren to stand loyal by the State Convention and Shaw University.

A collection of $7.50 was taken up.

Bro C C Horne spoke words of acceptance and appreciation to the sisters. On motion we turn a vote of thanks to the sisters for their generous gift.

Committee on moderator's address reported. See elsewhere for the report. Report adopted.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc., was sung. Benediction was pronounced by Rev J A Little.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled, Vice-Moderator presiding. Bro W A Kersey opened the praise service by lining and singing hymn, "My God the spring of all my joy," etc. Prayer by Bro H F Davidson. Second hymn, "How happy every child of grace," etc. Prayer by Rev I S A Hilliard.

Rev B J Parsons, accompanied by Rev C H Williams, entered the pulpit to preach the sermon. Rev Williams lined hymn No. 52, "Lord in the morning thou shalt hear," etc.

Rev J C Covington read the Scripture, Gen. 38:1-6, and offered prayer.

After being introduced by the moderator, Rev Parsons, that old veteran of the cross, arose and chose for a text, "There is none greater in this house than I"—Gen. 39:9.

Rev J T Williams led in singing "Throw out the life line," etc. Prayer by Rev S R Torrance.

Collection $10.60.

Rev B B Sturdivant read a spicy paper on the subject of "Education—What it is doing to uplift our people?" Rev E H Martin brought to our consideration many reasons why we should support Shaw University. Bro J R Alsobrooks spoke extemperaneously on the subject—"What should be done to help our ministers in educating.": He brought out many helpful suggestions.

The following persons were recognized and given seats of welcome, viz: Revs R S Torrence, W H Diggs of the Pee Dee Union Association, Mr & Mrs B J Dargan of Wadesboro, and Mrs Lucy Thompson of _____

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Rev J W Diggs.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled, with the moderator presiding. Praise services were conducted by Rev James Horne. Hymn No. 293. Scripture reading 133 Ps.

Prayer by brother Thomas Taylor.

The moderator announced the house open and in order for business.

On motion the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Treasurer and all committees that had not reported heretofore, reported. See Appendix for their reports.

On motion Rev P M Mayfield filled the place of Rev J R Faison on the program today.

A letter from Mrs R A Morgan of Long Pine was read and referred to Board of Mgrs. of the S S Convention.

A letter from Mr N P Liles of Lilesville was read and referred to the Executive Board.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Rev Mayfield accompanied by Rev J W Diggs, filled the stand to officiate. Rev Diggs lined hymn, "O for a closer walk with God," etc. Rev Mayfield read Psalms 107:1-20. Prayer by Rev J T Williams. Second hymn No. 490, "I am not ashamed to own my Lord," etc. Rev Mayfield chose for a text "Trust ye in the Lord forever." Isa. 26:4.

The speaker offered as a reason for the prophet's injunction, to trust God, because he is an everlasting strength, etc. After singing a spiritual, Rev W L Sloan led in a ferent prayer. Collection $16.34.

Rev Prof. Knuckles of Lumberton was presented and made remarks.

Benediction by Rev Dr J H Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Moderator re-convened the Association for the purpose of the report of committee on obituary. They made their report, recommending 20 minutes of memorial service, which was as follows :

Seventy-two members had passed over the river. Sang

"Asleep in Jesus oh how sweet," etc. Prayer by Rev V B R Bowman. A number of hymns were sung in honor of the departed. Resolutions of thanks was offered by Rev J T Williams, and adopted by the Association.

While we shook the parting hand the Holy Spirit and his e9ect were very visible in our presence.

Benediction by Rev B J Parsons.

The Association closed to meet with the Meltonsville church and brethren, 1926.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.
A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

APPENDIX

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brother Moderator and Brethren—

We have come to another period in our life in which to consider our year's work in Zion field among Zion brethren.

Permit me to say when I think of Zion missionaries, my mind runs back to ancient Zion where the old saints want to come as a place of protection, with songs of shouts in their mouths and palms of victory in their hands, even praises to God the supreme ruler of the universe, the father of nations, the architect of creation.

Since we met at Charlotte, N. C,, we have witnessed many wonders and seen many changes, but I feel immensely proud to meet this delegation of ministers and brethren who I really believe represent God's great cause.

It it true that we are witnessing a great movement among our people; some of this movement may be for good, it may be a point toward the unification of our people in this national movement, an uplift into higher aims and more complete brotherhood.

We think the central point of unification is nearer. Many things, such as narrow minds, selfishness, crank satisfaction, begrudgefulness, &c., are giving away to better things.

We are praying muchly for the unification of the brethren in church work and universal peace of mankind.

Brethren, I would say that as ministers we should preach the gospel to the best of our ability Teach the people to observe all things; teach them that to serve God it is required to render unto him the service of our mind, soul and strength. A man should be taught how to make an honest living, as much as anything else, for serving God is serving our fellowman, and we can't serve our fellowman without having something to serve him with, either mind service, or strength or something derived from our own exertion, being led by the holy spirit. I am glad to say that my brother ministers are waking up along these lines; are preaching for more doing power than for so much shouting power.

We feel proud of the denomination for which we stand, we believe its cause is the cause of righteousness.

We think the ministers would carry the people better if we learn the habits and traits of the common people, show them out, talk to them about their everyday life, appoint sometime and lecture to them on business points, for this is the only way that the elder people can get much instruction, for the most part. I mean in a business life. They must get it mostly from the ministers.

Teach them to observe all things. If you teach people to observe all things, if you tell men of their sins and condemn the sin, you may expect to be criticized, rebuked, maybe ostracized, but nevertheless, teach and fear not, for you have the "Lo, I am with you always," and this in itself sufficient defence.

The great teacher, the Christ, is a spirit. He is a king. He has established his kingdom. It is a spiritual kingdom. Flesh and blood cannos inherit this kingdom. The subjects then of this kingdom must be spiritual beings.

My brethren if our time, our talents, our strength and our means have been placed upon God's altar during the past year, if our feet have been swift to run, and with voice, trumpet like, proclaim to the neglected perishing, the message of love and of peace my brethren. In the foregoing it is intimated that you have preached and taught, but now, permit me to suggest that the time is at hand when the Baptist preacher must teach and preach. Teach a plain practical religion. Teach that men must think, know and act. Teach that folks must be and do. Teach that frugality and economy should be handmaids of industry. Teach the sacredness of an obligation. Teach the importance of filling engagements. Teach the desirability of system in affairs. Teach the harmfulness of baleful habits. Teach these basal religious fundamentals Teach them by precept and by example. As exponents of the master's evangel, the minister must cry aloud and spare not, lift up the voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

Do we fully realize the privilege of being a co-laborer with Christ. Do we duly appreciate the blessed distinction in proportion as we realize, recognize and appreciate these weighty obligations these God-given privileges, in like proportion will we address ourselves to the faithful performance of the sacred trust which these duties enjoin.

Have we been true, thoughtful and vigilant, as God's undershepherd? Have we kept our face eastward, with our eyes ever fixed on the bright and morning Star? And of power, which a benigant father has entrusted to his ministers, then may we listen for the plaudit, "Well done." And, also, hear the cheering acclaim, "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.

If such be true, then our coming together today, in the fifty-third annual session of our Association, will prove a blessing to ourselves, to those whom we serve and to our State and Country.

Let us rejoice brethren, that it is our privilege to possess such peace, and thereby have God esteem us worthily to labor jointly with Christ, our Lord, in establishing peace in the world, in lifting up fallen, bruised man, both at home and abroad, and in binding up his wounds, in preaching the gospel to the poor, and in carrying the word to the heathen world.

Awake oh Zion, awake and put on the strength not only in your association. I feel that every negro Baptist in North Carolina can unite in an effort to raise a few thousand dollars annually for Shaw University, because every negro Baptist in the State, and every interest for good, of all the people in the common wealth has been helped by influences coming from Shaw University. You have done this, and yet, there is work to be done, there is territory yet to be possessed. "Spare not, lengthen the cords, strengthen the stakes, my brethren, and God will give you the earth for your inheritance.

Go labor on, spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the father's will,
It is the way the Master went,
Should not the servant tread it still?

Go labor on, it is not for naught,
Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain,
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not,
The Master praises, what are men?

Go labor on, enough while here,
If he shall praise thee; if he design,
Thy willing heart to mark and cheer,
No toil for Him shall be in vain.

Toil on, and in the toil rejoice,
For toil comes rest, for exile home,
Soon shall thou hear the bride groom's voice,
The midnight peal, "Behold I come."

RECOMMENDATION

1. We recomend that our young ministers will do everything they can to improve themselves.
2. That we give our alliance in fostering missions, both home & foreign.
3. That we look after our weak churches.
4. That we represent in all our annual State meetings and help our State brethren in the State movements.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Saron Church, Polkton, N. C., Oct. 16, 1925

Bro. Moderator and Brethren—below is the account of B B Sturdivant in account with Zion Association as Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1925.

Receipts—

Oct. 17, 1924.	From finance committee	$559.61
	By public collection	132.11
Nov. 30, "	From Union Meeting	68.35
" "	From Fletcher's Grove on back dues	2.00
Dec. 20. "	J R Alsobrooks	46.00
Mar. 29 1925	Union Meeting	87.37
May 31, "	Union Meeting	58.96
July 17, "	Madison Grove on note	100.00
Oct 1, "	Madison Grove Note	200.00
	Total	$1,254.40
	Brought forward from last report	1,022.84
	Aggregate	2,277.24

Credits—

Order			
	1	A M Murry, Friendship college	$18 3o
	2	J E P Little, moderator, services	25 oo
	3	A L Leak, Sec., services & expenses	35.oo
	4	B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, services & expenses	12.oo
	5	G W Baucum, Cor. Sec., services & expenses	3o.oo
	6	G W Baucum, for Finance Committee	12.5o
	7	Milas Williams, Sexton, services	5.oo
	8	R B Douglass, donation St. Paul church	1o.oo
	9	W L Butler, Superanuate minister	5.oo
	1o	V B R Bowman, " "	2 73
	11	R Diggs " "	5.oo
	12	B J Parsons " "	2.73
	13	B J Sturdivant " "	2.73
	14	D A Tillman " "	2.73
	15	H D Tillman " "	2.73
	16	People's Enterprise, donation	5.oo
	17	A W Pegues, Shaw University	5o.oo
	18	Uzza Chambers, donation	1o.oo
	1o	G W Baucum, expense Ex. Com.	2o 5o
	2o	A L Leak, donation, frountain pen	5.oo
	21	Thomas E Huntley, donation	26.15
	22	C S Brown, State & foreign missions	93.25
	23	E H Martin, ministerial aid	15.oo
	34	B J Parsons, moderator, U M	2 5o
	35	B F Dargan, Sec., U M	4.oo
	36	Claud Tillman, Sexton, services	1.5o
	37	Henry Diggs, donation, Chilson Grove church	5.oo
	28	B J Parsons, donation, White Oak church	1o.oo
	29	W H Horne, donation	6 5o
	3o	J V Lowe, printing minutes	1o8.oo
	31	A L Leak, distributing minutes	5 oo
	32	J H Moore, on expenses	6 5o
	33	B J Parsons, moderator, U M	2.5o
	34	J T Ratliff, Sec'y, U M	3.oo
	35	J F Davis, expenses to committee meeting	1 7o
	36	R Allen, donation	6.o6
	37	Henry Leak, sexton, service	1.oo
	38	W H Melton, donation, Madison Grove church	5.oo
	39	G W Baucum, Shaw University	63 95
	4o	A L Leak, loaned to Madison Grove church	5oo.oo
	41	B J Parsons, moderator, U M	3.oo
	42	J T Ratliff, Sec'y U M	3.oo
	43	G W Tillman, donation, Poplar Hill church	5 oo
	44	G W Tillman, sexton, services	1.oo
	45	J T Ratliff, to buy Sec'y book	3.5o
	46	Frank Haily, donation, St Paul church	1o oo
		Total	$1,153.56
		Balance	$1,123.68

Running expenses, including printing minutes, etc., $275.7o; State and foreign missions $93.25; Shaw University $150; to aged ministers $29.71; to aid ministers in school $15; to aid churches in building $45; to loan to church building $500. miscellaneous $56.65. Total $1,153.56.

B. B. Sturdivant, Treasurer,

I, J C Cason, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them O. K. J. C. Cason, Auditor of Zion Association.

COR. SEC'YS REPORT FOR Z. M. B. ASSOCIATION

Dear Brethren—

We have never had a year more full of vigorous and successful work and of such great fruitfulness. The area of Z. Ass'n work is always increasing. The Ass'n is a veritable Christopher Columbus. It is everlastingly discovering new openings and covering much ground with very limited resources. Its ministers have the deep joy which comes to those who have found a new world whose fight and struggle have brought to them the true happiness. The churches throughout the field are coming to realize that the Ass' n, provides a common ground and focus for their concerted action. There are still those who critizise and stand aloof, but thank God, their number is diminishing; the more so as they learn to measure progress by its real value, not by its advertised value.

Over 6 years ago I accepted the call of the Ass'n to my present work. I entered into the work with a very clear conviction, that God would stand by me. Manifold and multifarious have been the experiences of the glad, the gracious, and the holy times we have had with our Zion brethren during these years. We have had our beulahs, when we walked in high company; Elims when we sat at the well, and under shade of the palms; Pisgah's, when we saw all the goodly land at once; Carmels of prevailing prayers, when the clouds appeared, little as a human hand, but it spread and enlarged over us, and from it came showers of blessings. Trials and difficulty too have marked the years, when faith has been tried and

patience tested, when the burden of responsibility was heavy, and the way before us seemed almost too much for us, and we tremble for the ark of God, but our fears were traitors, for God arose, and he carried us over the difficult pass, and set us in a large place.

The Ass'n is doing a great work in aiding our ministers and girl's in school.

We would ask that a kindly feeling be exhibited toward the institution located at Wadesboro, to care for the sick and afflicted. We think a good plan would be that each church round about Xmas lift a special collection and forward it to Cor. Sec. or whatever source of this body will select, to be applied toward fixtures of the colored department.

Dear brethren, we fear there is too great a tendency of young churches springing out from S. S. It is all right to organize churches, but let us look well to locality.

We held two Union Meetings this year: one at Madison Grove; the other at Poplar Hill.

The Madison Grove church has added a new front. Poplar Hill brethren have purchased a new site and constructing a commodious new building,and many other places in the field are either building or reconstructing, of which you will hear later.

Received 2.00 from Rev W H Horne for Red Level church.

The future is bright— bright with beckoning light of God upon it—bright as the promises of the eternal word, lies before us. May the fiscal year of 1925-'26, call us to prayer, to new hopes, to new consecrations, to fidelity to God, and loyalty to Zion Ass'n and one another.

Respectfully submitted,

G W Baucum, Cor. Sec.

P. S.—$7.00 Pleasant Hill Church.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, the committee on moderator's address, beg leave to submit the following : After considering with open hearts to that most important document, filled with good judgment, unsurpassed with truth and advice that we trust will be accepted by all of us. Therefore we recommend that the whole address be printed in the minutes and the recommendations referred to the proper committee : Recommendation No. 1, be referred to committee on education. Recommendation No. 2, to the committee on missions. Recommendation No. 3, 4, to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted, your Committee

Report of Committee on Place and Time.—We, your Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the next annual session of the Zion Association will convene with the Meltonsville Baptist Church, 8 miles south of Marshville, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October, A. D., 1926. Rev P M Mayfield to preach the introductory sermon. Bro C H Waddell, alternate.

Respectfully submitted, Your Committee

Committee on Condition of the Country—We, your committee on condition of the Country, view with alarm the pace the world is going--into idolatry and sin when the Bible is in so many homes, and being preached from so many different pulpits.

With keen interest we are watching the coal strike, the peace conference, the restless spirit of the nations of earth, as it creaps out into small outbreaks of hostility in different parts of the world. We concede these are only signs, as an index point in the direction in which we are drifting.

With a more serious van are we scrutinizing the signs pointing to the approaching catastrophe which will ultimately come. The bollweevil, the drought, the dry-

ing up of streams, curtailing of power and cutting off labor, the Government putting over its road building program a year ahead of time to help drought-stricken communities are hand writings on the wall, which have claimed our attention.

We have mentioned only a few which we hope will cause you to view with us and plan a line of proceedure. Ye are the salt of the earth says the Master. If we are the salt of the earth, then we must save the world; that is what salt is for, to save. Brother, if it is incumbent on us to save this world for Christ our God in his name, we shall ask each of us to re-dedicate, re-consecrate ourselves, our lives to Him and His cause, hoist our lights and lead the world back to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
C C Horne, J C Chambers, C H Williams
J S Fletcher, W H Staton, R L Micheal
Fred Watkins

Committee's Report on New Bodies--Dear Brethren, we, your committee on new bodies, beg leave to submit the following report: The pastor and deacons of Rock Spring church of Ruby, S. C., appeared before us. After carefully listening to their idea of faith and practice of doctrice, they wishing to unite with Zion Association, satisfaction being given, and they agreeing to comply with the rules of Association and the principles of God's word, we recommend that the church become a member of our Association, and its delegates be allowed a seat in the present session.

Respectfully submitted. Your Committee

Committee's Report on Needs of The Field--We, your committee on the needs of the field, wish to report the following: After looking carefully over the field and considering the many needs thereof, we wish to mention a few of most vital needs. We want to say that our

field is in great need of prepared leadership. We want to recommend that our churches employ the very best prepared ministry for the pulpit that they can secure. Also we see a great need of better prepared deacons. We want to recommend that our deacons study and learn more about the Baptist rules. Also that we employ only the best prepared ones to lead.

Respectfully submitted, Your Committee

Report of Committee on Missions—Since the Christ object of the church is to promote the work of missions—home, State and foreign. 1st, that we shall renew our energy in our various fields to give greater support to all of the objects for which our denomination stands.

2nd. That we shall encourage and assist as far as possible worthy young men of the ministry to prepare themselves for the work; also that we encourage the ministerial classes to be conducted by Rev J H Moore. We further recommend the hearty approval and support of the christian schools—Shaw University, Friendship College, Thompson Institute, and all other worthy institutions for the training of our young boys and girls. We pledge ourselves to keep the fire of foreign missions burning, and shall do all we can to send the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Finally let us not forget our aged ministers who have laid so well the foundation on which we stand.

Respectfully submitted. Your Committee

Committee's Report on Obituary.

We have examined the different church letters and find that the folowing have died: St Paul 15; Ramah Grove 3; New Grove 2; McLain Grove 2; Parsons Grove 6; Elizabeth M 7; Saron 3; Rockford E 3; Friendship 3; Cedar Creek 1; New Zion 3; Timmonsville 4; Rockford W 6; Nicy Grove 1; Green Hill 1; Poplar Spring 1; Brown Creek 1; Long Pine 1; Chilson Grove 2; Ebenezer 1; White Oak 3; Deep Creek 13; Flint Ridge 2; Shankle Grove 1; Fletcher's Grove 3, and Elizabeth P. D. 1. Total 89.

We recommend that we hold 2o minutes memorial service in honor of our dead. Respectfully submitted. Your Committee.

Recapitulation of Statistics and Reports

Number of churches reported	41
Number failing to report (Pleasant Hill)	1
Number baptized this year	449
Membership	5875
Net gain	27
amount contributed for education and missions	$773.51
Value of church property listed	87.71o.oo
Number of ordained ministers	45
Number of licensed preachers	49
Number of ministers in school	3

Summary Report of Finance Committee

Amount collected, representing fee	$453 58
" " S & F missions	33 6o
" " ministerial education	28 oo
" " aged ministers	34 5o
" " Shaw University	5 5o
" Public collection	$145 36
Total - - -	$7oo 54

Fletcher's Grove paid $15 5o—due $13.oo on 1925. Fletcher's Grove also due $6 oo on 1924. We hope the members and pastor will see that this amount is paid at once.

M P Warring, Ch'm Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

CHURCHES	Rept. Fee	S. F. Missions	Ministerial Education	Ag'd Ministers	Shaw Univ'ty	Total Sent
Bethel	1 00	25	----	25	----	1 50
Brown Creek	11 25	1 42	----	2 00	----	14 67
Cedar Creek	9 60	50	25	50	----	10 85
Chilson Grove	4 40	------	25	25	----	4 90
Chambers Gr've	----	------	----		----	------
Cool Spring	2 30	25	25	50	----	3 30
Deep Creek	56 50	------	2 00	1 00	----	59 50
Ebenezer	3 20	------	----	50	----	3 70
Elizabeth M	17 00	------	1 50	----	1 50	20 00
Elizabeth P D	2 80	25	50	1 00	50	5 05
Flat Rock	3 50	25	50	1 00	----	5 25
Fletchers Grove	11 75	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	15 50
Flint Ridge E.	12 00	1 00	50	1 00	----	14 50
Friendship	8 00	50	50	50	50	10 00
Gallilee	2 60	1 00	1 00	1 50	----	6 10
Green Hill	P. D.	50	50	50	---	1 50
Long Pine	8 50	4 50	1 00	1 00	----	15 00
Madison Grove	7 60	5 18	3 00	2 50	----	18 28
Meltonsville	61 80	2 00	2 00	2 00	----	67 80
McLean Grove	5 80	50	1 00	2 00	----	9 30
Mt. Zion	4 20	1 75	1 00	1 50	----	8 45
Mt. Moriah	2 20	------	50	1 00	----	3 70
New Zion	11 70	50	50	50	----	13 20
Nicy Grove	18 40	2 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	25 90
Olive Branch	1 80	------	25	50	----	2 55
Pleasant Hill	------	------	----	----	----	------
Poplar Hill	8 90	------	25	25	----	9 40
Parsons Grove	42 20	50	50	50	----	43 70
Poplar Spring	15 38	1 00	50	50	----	17 38
Ramah Grove	15 90	50	25	50	----	17 15
Rockford E	12 50	------	50	1 00	----	14 00
Rockford W	13 30	-----	1 00	1 00	----	15 30
Red Level	1 20	------	25	25	----	1 70
Sandy Ridge	12 80	1 00	2 00	2 00	----	17 80
Saron	7 60	2 00	1 00	50	----	11 10
Shankle Grove	4 70	1 00	----	1 00	----	6 70
St. Paul	18 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	----	22 00
Timmonsville	5 20	75	25	25	----	6 45
White Oak	12 00	25	25	50	----	13 00
Flint Ridge W	P. D.	------	----	----	----	P. D.
New Grove	10 60	50	25	25	----	11 60
Rock Springs	5 40	1 00	50	50	----	7 40

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ch'ch Expense	Missions	Education	Charity	Reported by Auxiliaries	Total	Value of Church Property
Bethel	75 00	58 40	25		25		133 90	550 00
Brown Creek	200 00	62 50	1 42		5 62		269 54	2000
Cedar Creek	125 00	42 60	50	25	50	30 00	198 85	2000
Chambers	125 00	54 70			5 00		184 70	1000
Chilson Grove	200 00	112 64	2 00	25	11 25		326 14	2000
Cool Springs		45 75	25	25	5 25		1 50	1000
Deep Creek	300 00	204 83	65 31	1 00	53 56	64 15	688 85	5000
Ebenezer	350 00	264 70	5 00	50	19 50	78 80	718 50	1200
Elizabeth M	866 38	131356	17 15	1 50	25 22	90 00	234381	5000
Elizabeth P D	191 40	91 80	18 00	50	4 30	22 00	328 00	11000
Flat Rock	176 68	22 60	25		4 00	71 37	274 30	500
Fletcher's Grove	400 00	550 50	75	2 00	10 50		963 75	2000
Flint Ridge	250 00	21 00	1 00	50	12 08		284 58	1500
Flint Ridge W	97 40	4 50	50	25	25	20 81	123 71	300
Friendship	201 65	537 00	25 00		17 00	234 00	101465	3500
Gallilee	248 00	115 60	1 00	50	6 00	44 50	395 60	1500
Long Pine	250 00	26 59	4 50	1 00	17 50		299 59	1500
Madison Grove	200 00	438 90	10 00	3 00	13 65	78 00	743 55	3500
Meltonsville	300 00	215 20	2 00	2 00	59 34	63 86	643 40	1200
McLean Grove	200 00	76 40	5 02	1 00	1 50	5 05	288 97	2500
Mt. Zion	250 00	31 20	1 75	1 00	10 10		294 05	1500
Mt. Moriah	60 00	21 35			11 00		92 35	825 00
New Zion	120 53	71 47	50	50	23 80		216 80	2500
New Grove	175 00	18 60	50	25	14 92		209 27	1900
Nicy Grove	300 00	133 48	13 59	3 50	14 15	68 22	532 94	1500
Olive Grove	80 00	1 80			75		82 55	1000
Pleasant Hill	125 00	240 00					240 00	800
Poplar Hill	150 00	416 90		25	25		567 40	1500
Parsons Grove	425 00	702 26	50	50	25 50		115376	4000
Poplar Spring	200 50	68 80	1 00	1 50	5 50	1 06	278 31	1500
Ramah Grove	175 00	109 80	50	25	5 50	33 00	324 89	3000
Rockford E	225 00	183 24	1 00	50	18 69	51 00	479 43	2500
Rockford W	400 00	100 60	12 54	1 00	3 77	6 50	524 41	1000
Rock Springs	200 00	90 40	1 00	50	7 00		298 91	985
Red Level	200 00	29 20	2 00	25	5 25	30 00	266 71	2000
Sandy Ridge	265 00	33 16	1 00	2 00	6 24		302 40	2500
Saron	240 00	197 60	2 00	1 00	3 50	2 00	346 10	1200
Shankle Grove	150 00	86 20	1 00	50	1 00		239 40	1000
St. Paul	120000	22 00	27 00	1 00	130 00		138000	3500
Timmonsville	225 00	52 92	75	50	8 23		287 40	500
White Oak	175 00	271 21	25	25	4 02		451 81	2000
Green Hill	60 00	16 80	50	50	3 05		80 80	350

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS and THEIR POSTOFFICE	Sabbath of preaching	Baptized	Rec'd & Rest'd	Dis'd & Excl'd	Died	Membership
Bethel	R L Micheal, No. 3, Peachland, N C	4	3				17
Brown Creek	J E P Little, No. 1, Wadesboro, '	3	10	3	11	1	175
Cedar Creek	B J Parsons, route A, ' '		14	1	20	1	120
Chambers Grove	S S Thomas, box 481, ' '		17				87
Chilson Grove	W H Horne, route 1 Morven '		1	3		2	79
Cool Springs	J D Simmons ' 1, Cheraw, S.C. '	4	1				23
Deep Creek	H I Quick Rockingham '		54	6	8	13	645
Ebenezer	C B Bethea, Maxton '		6				62
Elizabeth M	B J Ivey Monroe '		7	4	5	7	200
Elizabeth P. D.	J F Davis Monroe '	2	7			1	48
Flat Rock	R S Tanner, route A, Wadesboro '	3	4	1	1		55
Fletcher's Grove	J W Diggs Pee Dee '		16	20	1	3	285
Flint Ridge	B B Sturdivant Polkton '	2	10	4	5	2	180
Flint Ridge W					2		15
Friendship	J W Hawkins Salisbury '		8			3	100
Gallilee	E H Martin Wadesboro '		2		3		36
Green Hill			1	1	1	1	18
Long Pine	J C Covington, box 437, Maxton '		11	5	7	1	105
Madison Grove	J F Davis Monroe '	4	5	2		2	106
Meltonsville	J E P Little, route 1, Wadesboro '	4	26	5	6	11	653
McLean Grove	J A Little, Chesterfield, S C		10	2		2	78
Mt. Zion	J C Ellerbee, box 215, Morven '		2	4	4		62
Mt. Moriah	J C Chambers '		6	4	3		32
New Zion	B J Parsons, route A, Wadesboro '		19	3	7	3	158
New Grove	W G Flake, Norwood '	1	14	2		2	136
Nicy Grove	E H Martin Wadesboro '	1	14	2	5	1	214
Olive Branch	G R Chambers, route 3, Peachland '	3					18
Pleasant Hill	R L Micheal, route 3, Peachland '	1	25		9		72
Poplar Hill	J R Faison, Wadesboro '	3		1	1		119
Parsons Grove	J J Hines Shannon '		21	3	4	6	462
Poplar Spring	J E P Little, route 1 Wadesboro '	2	3	2	2	1	185
Ramah Grove	B J Parsons, route A Wadesboro '		14		10	2	189
Rockford E	L R Winford, Salisbury '		16	4	22	3	155
Rockford W			24	2	3	6	173
Rock Springs	J C Ellerbee, box 215, Morven '	2	13	6	3		79
Red Level	W H Horne, route 1 Morven, '	2	4	2	4		42
Sandy Ridge	B F McManus, Cheraw, S C	3	22	7	1		168
Saron	L R Winford Salisbury '		13	1	12	3	96
Shankle Grove	W M Redfearn, route 2, Cheraw, S.C.	2	17		3	1	57
St. Paul	P. M. Mayfield, Charlotte '	2-4	21	35	34	15	220
Timmonsville		1		1	3	4	72
White Oak	B J Parsons, route A, Wadesboro '		13	3	1	3	145

Rules of Decorum

1st. The moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary.

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belong to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of this Association to observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence the Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking, should refrain from all such indecorious conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought of feelings or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may with draw from the Association wihout permission from the moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who while said committee's report is under discussion by the house shall take the negativo side of the report.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches, to support the gospel in destitute places among us, to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, home and foreign missions, and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrines of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording and corresponding secretary, treasurer, an auditor, an executive committee of seve, and an ordaining board. The moderator, recording secretary and treasurer shall constitute three members of the executive committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their officers until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie,and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body,

Art. 6. The recording secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex-officio secretary to the executive committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the moderator and secretary He shall give an annual report to this body, preceeded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Association property in his hands.

Art. 9. The executive committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasurer of this body must be presented to the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the corresponding secretary and moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the Cor. Sec. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art 10. The Ordaining Board shall have supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of ten (10) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said 10 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings.) Two-fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three-fifths for ministerial education, and by raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirments of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13 The members convened in this association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually, and be composed of not more than 3 messengers from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the 3rd Lord's day in October at 11 o'clock A. M., and with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each 5th Sunday or often as may deem practicable, and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Cor. Sec.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body, to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a memper of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers 2 successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the 3rd year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall de submitted on the 1st day of the sitting of the Association and adopted on a subsequent day.

MINUTES

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Woman's Home & Foreign Mis. Convention

of Union and Anson Counties, Auxiliary to the Zion Association, held with the Ebenezer Baptist church, Wadesboro, N. C., August 29-30, 1925

OFFICERS FOR 1926

President—Mrs A C Robinson, 321 ch. av., Monroe, N.C
Vice-Pres.—Mrs G W Baucum, Route A, Wadesboro ‘
Sec.—Mrs I S A Hilliard, Wadesboro, ‘
Cor. Sec.—Mrs C C Horne, Route 1, Peachland ‘
Treasurer—Mrs M F Little, Route 1, Wadesboro ‘

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs C C Boulware, chairman, box 53, Monroe ‘
‘ Annie Sturdivant, Wadesboro ‘
‘ Lizzie Boggan, Polkton ‘
‘ Caroline Billingsley, Oakboro ‘
‘ Lessie Allen, Lilesville ‘
‘ Mary Crowder, Wingate ‘
‘ Julia C Bennett, Route A, Wadesboro ‘

PROCEEDINGS

Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 29th, 1925

The 15th annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, auxiliary to Zion Association was held with the local Circle at Ebenezer Baptist church on Aug. 29-30. Rev C B Bethea, pastor.

At 10 o'clock the president called the house to order for praise service which was led by sister M J Little of Ramah Grove Circle, and sister Della McLendon of the 1st Baptist Circle (Wadesboro). Sister Little lined and sung hymn No. 637. Sister C C Boulware carried us to a throne of grace in prayer. 2nd selection No. 400; after which sister Odessa Livingston led in prayer. Following this heart-felt praise service, came the Bible lesson, led by sister Lizzie Ellis. She read the 6th chap. of Galations. Many impressive thoughts and much helpful information was received from the lesson. At the close of this service the president made some preliminary remarks, then lifted an offering, which amounted to $5.36. Sister Mary Jane Little asked God's blessings on the offering. Next was the enrolling of delegates: After which we adjourned for recess. Benediction Rev J C Ellerbee.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention re-assembled at 2:30, with delegates from Deep Creek, Meltonsville and Elizabeth—Monroe leading praise service. Sister Alice Pridgem lined hymn No. 468. Sister M J Hartley read for a lesson the 37th Psalm. Mrs Bennett led in a fervent prayer. 2nd hymn No. 487. Prayer by sister Fannie Simon. After singing a verse of song, sister C C Horne was asked to take the chair, at which time we listened to the president's annual address, which was full of thought. She used for a subject: Builders with God. Our spirit for the

cause was lifted to a higher atmosphere while we listened to the woman of God speak as it were in thunder tones to us. May our heavenly Father let her live long that she may come to us on and on with such messages. As she took her seat, we were thrilled with many strong words of encouragement by Bro A L Leak, Recording Sec. of our Association. He assured us that the brethren are with us, and was glad to hear the president say that we would not have a meeting in Dec. After thus listening, we then had the welcoming of visitors. After which we had the calling of the roll. After which we had the benediction by Rev J R Faison. Assigning of homes by Com.

NIGHT SESSION

Praise services was conducted by delegates from Flint Ridge, Rock Ford East and Long Pine. Sister Roxie Jones lined hymn No. 10. Sister Lola Chambers read for lesson Rev. 21:1-9. At the close of the praise service, (the subject : how can we keep the mission work going) was discussed. Sister Chambers led in a very forceful way, followed by others. Much help was derived from the discussion of this all important subject. Next we listened to a most cordial welcome address by sister M P McGregor, which made all feel welcome and very much at home. Response by Miss Eva Wesley, which was very timely. We were glad to have Rev J F Davis speak to us at this time; also Mrs Weldon Kendall, president of the local Circle of the 1st Baptist church, Wadesboro. At this point Rev J F Davis, J C Ellerbee, S S Thomas and J R Faison ascended the rostrum for preaching. Rev Faison lined and sung hymn No 410. "There is a fountain filled with blood," etc. Rev Thomas carried us to a throne of grace in prayer. 2nd hymn No. 391 was lined by Rev Davis. Rev Faison presented Rev Ellerbee as speaker of the hour. Rev Ellerbee preached a most heart-felt sermon from John 10:13. "Greater love hath no man than this

that a man lay down his life for his friends." At the close of the sermon Rev Faison sung touchingly "what a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart." At this period Miss Ida D Shadd and sister Lydia Caraway lifted the offering $3.60. Sister Little asked God's blessing on the offering. After which Rev P N Boykin, pastor of the 2nd Presbybyterian church, Wadesboro, Mrs Effie Capel, Miss Mary Reid and Mrs J R Faison were given seats of welcome. They made remarks. After some remarks by the president, we had the appointing of committees, as follows:

Time and Place—Mesdames R A Waddell, Lessie Parsons, Dora C Smith.

Obituary—Mesdames Lenora Chavis, H J Leak and Roxie Jones.

Officers—Mesdames Lola Chambers, G W Crowder, Alberta Davis, Alice Bridgem and Hattie Bivens.

Garments—Mesdames D C Barrett & Ida J Sullivan.

Benediction by Rev J C Ellerbee.

SUNDAY MORNING

Praise service was conducted by delegates from Oaksboro, Deep Creek and Poplar Springs. 1st hymn No. 449 was lined by sister Hattie Bivens. 2nd Cor. 11th chap. was read for a lesson, led by sister Alberta Davis. Sister D C Barrett led in a fervent prayer. After a soul-stirring praise service the president came forward and announced that mother Sunshine would come with her program, which she did most creditably. Her program consisted of recitations, orations, papers and solos. Never before has our young people performed nicely. They left an impression that is indellibly stamped upon our hearts. Mrs C C Boulware, in her usual way, came forward and made an excellent response to these young people. After which we listened to a most helpful and encouraging report from our delegate, Mrs F Little, to the Women's State Convention, which met in Wilmington. She told glowingly how the State is

calling or asking for a deeper consecration among our workers. That we may be enabled to cry out against the evils that are predominating our land and country. At the close of this service the president arose and announced that the hour had arrived for preaching, and asked that the door be closed for the quiet moments. While we waited, the Holy Spirit came in copious showers, and many had to rejoice. At the opening of the door, Rev J F Davis arose and introduced Rev Faison as speaker of the hour. Rev Faison arose and announced for a text Mark 16:9, "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdeline, out of whom he had cast seven devils. The speaker spoke with great force. He painted the picture beautifully on our hearts while speaking of the spiritual harvest. He said that there was a time for sowing and a time for reaping and harvesting. He also said that one thing the church needs is leadership. A leader that can bow on his knees and tell Jesus about things. Our hearts did burn within while the speaker spoke to us out of God's word. Rev Sandy Ingram, a veteran of Zion church, led in a heart-felt prayer; then Rev Ellerbe arose and sung touchingly "I have crossed the seperating line." Revs D V Blakeney and J C Ellerbee lifted an offering of $18.27. Rev J C Kersey asked God's blessing on the offering. At this period the president announced that we would close for dinner, to return at the tap of the bell. Benediction by Rev Faison.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a short praise service, came the reports of the various committees.

Time and Place—We, your committee on time and place, recommend that the next Union meeting be held with the Flat Rock Baptist church 2½ miles south of Wadesboro, March 1926. Mrs R A Waddell, chairman.

On Obituary—We, your committee on obituary beg leave to submit the following report: Since the last convention, the Lord has taken from our midst the following loved ones: Sisters Laura Hamilton, Pearlie Byrd, Julia Broadaway and Eliza Leak. We bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well for we feel that our lost is heaven's gain. Com.

On Garments—We, your committee on garments, are pleased to make the following report: Garments ready-made 29, cloth 35 yds., towels 2, soap 5 bars, safety pins 2 cards, thread one ball, 1 spool, stockings 1 pair. Mrs Ida J Sullivan, chairman

It was moved and carried in the board meeting that our president represent us at the Lot Cary Convention at Norfolk, Va., and the following sisters represent our work at the Association at Saron: Mesdames C C Boulware, Zeke Martin, Lizzie Ellis, Ellen Ricketts and I S A Hilliard.

Report of committee on officers—see front page.
After singing "Bless be the tie that binds," etc., and shaking departing hands, we had the benediction by Rev Faison.

Thus ended a great meeting in the history of our work. Next Union will be held with the Flat Rock Circle in March.

Mrs. A. C. Robinson, President

Mrs. I. S. A. Hilliard, Sec.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Mrs A C Robinson, 321 ch. ave., Monroe, N. C
" G W Baucum, Route A Wadesboro, "
" I S A Hilliard Wadesboro, "
" M F Little route 1, Wadesboro "
" C C Boulware, box 53, Monroe "
Miss Narcissus Davis Polkton "
" Emma Thomas Polkton "
Mrs H J Leak Lilesville "
" Alice Little, box 92 Morven "
" Nora Taylor Polkton "
" Cora Whitaker, route 1 Wadesboro "
" Jennet Robinson Wadesboro "
" Martha Monroe Bennett Wadesboro "
Miss Minnie Gatewood, route A Wadesboro "
" Dora P Gatewood, route A Wadesboro "
Mrs Mary Huntley, route A " "
" Lealer Jones " "
" D C Barrett, route 1 Ruby, S C.
" Lessie Parsons, route 2 Morven, N. C.
" Jodie Alsobrooks, route 3 Peachland "
" Josephine Little, route 2 Morven "
" Virginia S Wilson Wadesboro "
" Charity Dunlap, Wadesboro "
Miss Ellen Burns Polkton "
Mrs Roxie Jones Ruby, S C
" Alberta Davis Polkton "
Miss Bessie Davis Polkton "
Mrs Anna Cash Peachland "
" Kitty Barrett Wadesboro "
" Mary Crowder Wingate "
" C C Horne, route 1 Peachland "
" Nora Wall Marshville "
" Alice Ashcraft Marshville "
" Anna Collins Marshville "
" Louise Tillman Wadesboro "
" Julia C Bennett, route A " "
" Lola C Chambers, route 3 Marshville "
" Hattie Bivens, Wingate "
" Lillie Ingram Ruby, S C
" Annie Marshall Wadesboro "

' Arie Allen	Wadesboro
' Mattie Huntley, route A	Wadesboro
' Sarah J Gibson	Morven
' Della McLendon	Wadesboro
' Tenia Owens	Morven
' Ida J Sullivant, route A	Wadesboro
' Branch Gatewood	'
' Lula McRae, route 2	'
' Lenora Chavis, route 1	Morven
' Emma Crowder, route 1	Monroe
' Odessa Levingston	'
' Annie Levingston	'
' Elizabeth Ellis	'
' Ella Huntley	Wadesboro
' Lucenda Faulkner	Marshville
' Laura Chambers	'
' Alice Pridgem	Monroe
' Lola J Hinson	Wadesboro
' Dora C Smith, route 1	Polkton
Miss Bessie Smith, route 1	Polkton
E L Smith	Wadesboro
Vorgia Deese	Wingate
Rev J R Alsobrooks	Peachland
Adam Thomas	Polkton
Sam Streater	Wadesboro
Rev W A Kersey, route 1	Ruby
C C Horne, route 1	Peachland
Rev J C Ellerbee	Morven
Miss Mary Thomas	Polkton
' Hattie Allen	
' Annie Bennett	
Annie Belle Ratliff	
Joseph Huntley, route A	Wadesboro
Miss Mary C Bennett	Wadesboro
Mrs Martha Streater	'
' Melton	'
' Texie Bennett	Lilesville
' Ethel Lilly	Wadesboro
' Weldon Kendall	'
Rev J F Davis	Monroe
' P N Boykin	Wadesboro
Miss Mary Reid	'
Mrs J R Faison	'
' Effie Capel	'
E L Leak, route A	'
Master Isa Hurnton Hilliard	'
Miss Eva Thomas, route 2	Polkton

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS		SECRETARY		Rep'g Fee
Friendship	Mrs Mary Carlock	Monroe, N C	Mrs Daisy Gray	Monroe, N C	$ 1 50
Brown Creek	' Catherin Gatewood	Wadesboro '	' Fannie Simons	wadesboro '	2 00
Mt Zion	' Wincie Crump	Polkton '	' Mollie Buchanan	Polkton '	1 00
New Grove	' Alice Jackson	---------- '	---------- ----------		1 50
Saron	' Gillie Hailey	Polkton '	Miss Nettie Polk	Polkton '	2 00
Elizabeth M	' A C Robinson	Monroe '	' Ida Trull	Monroe '	3 00
McLeans Grove	---------- ----------		---------- ----------		---
New Zion	' Anna Cash	Peachland '	Awilda Medley	Peachland '	1 50
Nicy Grove	' Mary Crowder	Wingate '	Mrs Ella Blakney	Wingate '	2 00
Elizabeth P D	' J W Diggs	Pee Dee '	' Emma Pratt	Pee Dee '	1 50
Poplar Springs	' Alberta Davis	Polkton '	Miss Narcissus Davis, route 2,	Polkton '	2 00
Deep Creek	' Julia C Bennett, route A,	Wadesboro '	Mrs M J Huntley, route A	wadesboro '	2 00
Parsons Grove	' H T Gatewood	' '	' H J Leak	' '	2 20
Long Pine	' D C Barrett, route 1,	Ruby S C	' Mary J Little, route 3	Peachland '	1 50
Ebenezer W	' I S A Hilliard	Wadesboro '	' G W Crowder	Wadesboro '	2 00
Rockford E	' Annie C Martin	' '	Miss Mary V Bennett	wadesboro '	1 50
Gallilee----------	' Mattie Lothorp	Oakboro '	' Callie Barrett	Oaksboro '	1 00
Chilson Grove	---------- ----------				
Meltonsville	' Julia Bowman	---------- '			
Fletcher's Grove	---------- ---------- ----				
Ramah Grove	' Lenora Chavis	McFarlan '	Mrs Larence Marshall	McFarlan '	1 25
White Oak Grove	' Lula McRae	Morven '	' Mary Melton, route 1,	McFarlan '	2 00
Pleasant Hill	---------- ----------				---
Sandy Ridge	' Josephine Little Rt 2,	Morven '	' Josephine Bivens, route 2,	Morven '	50
Madison Grove	' G W Baucum, route A	Wadesboro '	' Blanche Smith, route 2,	' '	2 00
Polar Hill	' Dora C Smith, route 1,	Polkton '	' Lilly Gaddy, route 3	Peachland '	1 00
Flat Rock	' Ethel Lilly	Wadesboro '	Miss Dotsie Streater, route A,	wadesboro '	1 00
Rockford W	' Ida J Sullivant, route A	' '	Mrs Alice Bradley, route 1,	' '	1 50
Flint Ridge E	' Lola Chambers, route 1	Marshville '	' Sarah Roland, route 1,	Marshville '	1 00
Flint Ridge W	' Georganna McClenthan	---------- '	' Emma Crowder, route 1	Monroe '	1 00
Chambers Grove	' Annie Collins, route 3	Marshville '	' Lola P Chambers, ' 3,	Marshville '	1 00
Rock Springs					1 00
Mt Nebo					------

W I C Circles					------
Friendship					------
Parsons Grove	Etta Curlee, route A	Wadesboro '	Ruth Bennett, route A,	wadesboro, '	1 50
Ebenezer W					
Elizabeth M					50
White Oak Gr've					
Rockford E					1 00
Nicy Grove	Christenna Barns	Wingate '	Tinnie Deese	wingate '	50
Poplar Springs	Bessie Davis, route 2	Polkton '	Fadella Brewer, route 2,	Polkton '	25
Poplar Hill	Rosa Tillman	' '	Bessie Smith	' '	
New Grove					---
Elizabeth P D					50